

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-24 are pending. Claims 8-10, 12, and 18 are allowed. Claims 7, 17, and 22-24 are objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowance for claims 8-10, 12, and 18, and has rewritten the remaining claims as suggested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-6, 13-16, and 19-21 stand rejected.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation from claim 7. Claim 13 is amended to include the limitation from claim 17. Claim 20 is amended to include the limitation of claim 22. This effectively rewrites claims 7, 17, and 22 in independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims, as suggested by the Examiner. Claims 7, 17, and 22 are cancelled without prejudice.

It is believed that this amendment as suggested by the Examiner puts independent claims 1, 13, and 20 in condition for allowance. Because independent claims 1, 13, and 20 are now in condition for allowance, claims dependent therefrom are also in condition for allowance.

As a result of the above amendment, claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-16, 18-21, and 23-24 are pending and are believed to be in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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